M.R.T.P.C. enquiry against Core Parentals Ltd.

4336. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the M.R.T.P.C. has recently ordered an enquiry against Core Parentals Ltd.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) M/s. Core Parentals Ltd. floated a Right-cum-Public issue which opened on 3rd August, 1993 to implement an expansion-cum-diversification programme. Based on information regarding alleged misrepresentations in the prospectus and simultaneous issue of Right-cum-Equity Shares at different premium rates, the MRTP Commission vide its order dated 29-7-1993 directed institution of unfair and restrictive trade practice enquiries bearing Nos. UTPE 18 of 1993 and RTPE 20 of 1993. The Notices of Enquiries have been issued to the Company on 23rd August, 1993 and the hearing by the Commission is scheduled for 7th October, 1993. The Commission being a quasi-judicial body is empowered to take further necessary action under the provisions of the MRTP Act.

Reservations about Companies Bill, 1993 expressed by US Multinationals

4337. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US multinationals keen on investment in India, have expressed some reservations about the newly introduced Companies Bill, 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that these reservations, unless allayed, may soon snowball into the prospective investors shelving their plans; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for modification of clauses that are considered hostile by overseas investors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Some foreign investors intending to set-up and operate power plants in India have requested to amend clauses 25 & 45 of the Companies Bill, 1993 so that the existing facility of incorporated unlimited companies could continue without change because US Tax Law often recognises (and Taxes) foreign sourced income in an adverse manner unless a company can be classified as partnership firm for US tax purposes and this is possible, if the Company is incorporated with unlimited liabilities.

(c) The modification in the Bill are not hostile to overseas investors. However, the requests of foreign investors have been noted and due consideration will be given by the Government to these requests alongwith other suggestions received for amendment in the Companies Bill, 1993.

Ultimatum served by Orissa Judicial Officers

4338. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Indian Express of 10th June that Orissa Judicial Officers were on a war path and even served ultimatum to Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to avert this; and

(c) whether Government would reconsider the decision to de-recognise their Union, if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of Articles 233 to 235 of the Constitution, control including appointment and promotion in District Courts and Courts subordinate thereto in a State is vested in the respective State Government and High Court. Accordingly, any matter relating to Orissa Judicial Officers has to be dealt with by the State Government of Orissa and the Orissa High Court.

Proposal to reduce Election Expenses

4339. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal have recently been received by Government in which a young entrepreneur with scientific temper has submitted a proposal according to which the election will be much cheaper and the results will be considerably expedited;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and